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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: I.C. Survey Report of the Agency's ELINT Program

1. The subject report is believed to be a generally accurate survey of the status of the Agency's ELINT Program. The deficiencies listed in Section V, B are clearly recognized by this Office as having a generally deleterious effect on the program as a whole.

2. In the absence of activation of the ELINT Advisory Committee there have been continuous close working relations between appropriate officers of the FI/DDP Staff and the ELINT Staff, culminating in a recent agreement to provide working space within FI/DDP for the ELINT Staff Officer. In addition, an ELINT officer has recently been transplanted from the restricted confines of FI/D to FI/OPS to facilitate and give added impetus to the activity of the area divisions

activities, within its present capability, and is actively cooperating with the DD/P in an effort to step up research and development of both attended and unattended collection devices.

3. With respect to the recommendations contained in the subject report, all are concurred in, except for that part of the fourth recommendation which provides that approval of each individual project be coordinated with the ELINT Staff Officer. It is believed that a more general coordination of ELINT collection plans without getting into details of individual projects will serve equally well to enable the ELINT Staff Officer to determine the validity of such operations in terms of the over-all ELINT Program and permit him to keep the DCI advised as to effectiveness and total expenditures for Agency ELINT activities. A satisfactory alternative would be to re-phrase the recommendation, inserting the words "to the extent necessary," between "Staff Officer" and "for determination" in the last line of page 4.

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